

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9-11, and 14-29 are pending. Claims 14-20 have been withdrawn. By this amendment, Claim 1 is amended, Claims 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12 and 13 are canceled and new Claims 21-29 are added. No new matter has been added.

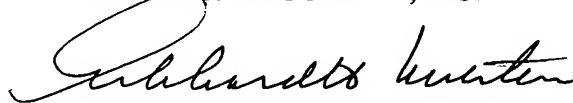
Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that Claims 4-6 and 9-11 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable features of Claim 4. New Claim 21 corresponds to original Claim 1 and the allowable features of Claim 11. New Claim 26 corresponds to Claim 1 and the allowable features of Claim 9.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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